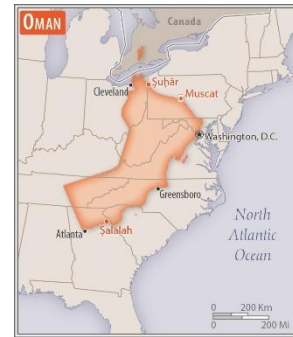
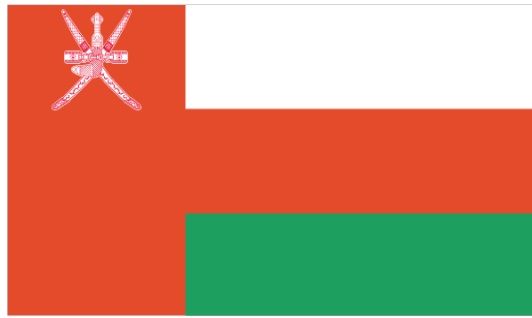




OMAN



INTRODUCTION

The inhabitants of the area of Oman have long prospered from Indian Ocean trade. In the late 18th century, the nascent sultanate in Muscat signed the first in a series of friendship treaties with Britain. Over time, Oman's dependence on British political and military advisors increased. In 1970, QABOOS bin Said Al-Said overthrew his father, and during his 50-year rule ushered Oman into the modern age.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Sultan and Prime Minister HAYTHAM bin Tariq bin Taimur Al-Said

Head of Government

Sultan and Prime Minister HAYTHAM bin Tariq bin Taimur Al-Said

Government Type

absolute monarchy

Capital

Muscat

Legislature

bicameral Council of Oman or Majlis Oman consists of Council of State or Majlis al-Dawla (85 seats) and Consultative Council or Majlis al-Shura (86 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 309,500 sq km
Land: 309,500 sq km
Water: 0 sq km

Climate

dry desert; hot, humid along coast; hot, dry interior; strong southwest summer monsoon (May to September) in far south

Natural Resources

petroleum, copper, asbestos, some marble, limestone, chromium, gypsum, natural gas

as of October 2021

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, oil-based economy; large welfare system; growing government debt; citizenship-based labor force growth policy; US free trade agreement; diversifying portfolio; high female labor force participation

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$135.8 billion (2019 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$27,300 (2019 est.)

Industries - crude oil production/refining, natural and liquefied natural gas production, construction, cement, copper, steel, chemicals, optic fiber

Agricultural products - dates, tomatoes, vegetables, goat milk, milk, green chillies/peppers, watermelons, sorghum, melons

Exports \$103.3 billion (2017 est.)

crude petroleum, natural gas, refined petroleum, iron products, fertilizers (2019)

partners: China 46%, India 8%, Japan 6%, South Korea 6%, UAE 6%, Saudi Arabia 5% (2019)

Imports \$24.12 billion (2017 est.)

cars, refined petroleum, broadcasting equipment, gold, iron (2019)

partners: UAE 36%, China 10%, Japan 7%, India 7%, US 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3.7 million (2021 est.)

Population Growth

1.89% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Arab, Baluchi, South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi), African

Languages

Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Swahili, Urdu, Indian dialects

Religion

Muslim 85.9%, Christian 6.5%, Hindu 5.5%, Buddhist 0.8%, Jewish <0.1%, other 1%, unaffiliated 0.2% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 87% of total population (2021)

rate of urbanization: 2.32% annual rate of change (2020-25 est.)

